

Specialized Nursing at The Rock Creek School

- The Rock Creek School Nursing staff is Registered Nurses (RN's) onsite at the school to meet the ongoing and unexpected medical needs of the students during the school day.
- School-based RN's enhance the student's educational experience by promoting health, wellness and safety to assist in optimal learning and serving as a resource to teachers and school administrators on disease prevention.
- School-based RN's identify the health immunization status of students by securing and evaluating their health histories.
- School-based RN's supervise and/or administer medicine therapy and keep required medication reporting up to date. They administer gastrostomy tube feedings and review medical orders for students who have private duty nurses.
- School-based RN's complete health assessments, scoliosis, vision, and hearing screenings and serve as a liaison between the school, students, parents/guardians and medical providers.
- School-based RN's provide emergency medical services.

Occupational Therapy (O.T.) in the School Settings

- School-based Occupational Therapists (OT's) utilize their specific knowledge to help children, who qualify for special education, participate in their educational program.
- O.T. is one of the related services under Part B of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA, PL 108-446) a federal law, with state education agency oversight, that supports the provision of public education for all children, regardless of the nature or severity of their disability. Occupational Therapists are assigned to each of the Frederick County Public Schools.
- School-based OT's provide skilled observation and assessment of fine motor, visual motor, sensory motor and self care skills within the school environment. Recommendations following testing may include: incorporation of appropriate strategies, specific interventions, team collaborations and staff training to help children fulfill their role as students.
- O.T. is delivered in such a way that allows the student to continue his/her daily education schedule, with the least amount of interruption possible, and the least amount of attention directed toward his/her disability.

Physical Therapy (P.T.) in School Settings

- School-based Physical Therapists (PT's) utilize their specific knowledge to help children, who qualify for special education, participate in their educational program.
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- School-based PT's provide skilled observation and assessment of the gross motor skills of students with atypical development including balance coordination, posture, and mobility within the school environment. They identify possible architectural barriers; evaluate seating and positioning needs; and provide equipment recommendations.
- School-based PT's train school staff on ways to incorporate intervention and practice of motor skills into the classroom schedule and school environment.
- P.T. is delivered in such a way that allows the student to continue his/her daily education schedule, with the least amount of interruption possible, and the least amount of attention directed toward his/her disability